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# **SANITARY LEGISLATION.**

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## **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.**

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### **NORFOLK, VA.**

#### **Stables and Disposal of Manure. (Ord. July 16, 1912.)**

SECTION 1. The word "stables" wherever used in this ordinance shall be taken to mean any building or part of any building in the city of Norfolk used or intended to be used for housing one or more horses, mules, cows, or cattle. The word "premises" shall be taken to mean the land used in connection with any stable.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful to erect, alter, or repair any stable without having a valid permit therefor from the Board of Control of the City of Norfolk, in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful to use as a stable any building or part of any building in the city of Norfolk not now used for such purpose without having a valid permit therefor from the said board of control, in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance; and a permit to erect, alter, or repair any stable shall be taken to confer the right to make use of the same as a stable.

SEC. 4. No permit shall be granted to erect, alter, or repair any stable except upon application therefor, in writing, to the board of control, signed by the owner or lessee of the land on which such stable is to be maintained, accompanied with a statement showing the size, location, and character of construction of such stable, the number of stalls, the system of drainage, the number, size, location, and character of construction of all manure pits or bins, and whether or not such pits or bins are to be connected with any public sewer, and giving such other information in regard to such stable and the premises as the said board of control may require.

SEC. 5. Every permit to erect, alter, or repair any stable shall be granted subject to all and singular the conditions and restrictions set out in this ordinance.

SEC. 6. That all ground floors hereafter constructed, when of concrete, shall be not less than 4 inches thick, having a smooth troweled surface not less than three-fourths of an inch thick; when constructed of vitrified paving brick, shall be laid in cement mortar; and in either case shall be water tight and rat proof.

SEC. 7. That all ground floors hereafter constructed, other than stall floors, when of wood shall be of tongued and grooved boards, driven tight, having all joints calked with oakum and pitch, not less than 3 inches thick, and water tight and rat proof, and all stall floors hereafter constructed when of wood shall be at least 2 inches thick, covered with a double layer of tar paper, carried up 2 inches on each side and at one end, the tar paper thoroughly mopped with hot tar, and a tongued and grooved wearing floor laid diagonal not less than 2 inches thick above.

SEC. 8. Permits to erect, alter, or repair stables may be suspended or revoked by the board of control whenever any condition or restriction attached thereto or any ordinance shall have been violated until such requirements shall have been com-

plied with, and thereafter no permit to use such stable shall be granted until such order has been rescinded.

SEC. 9. No permit shall be granted to use any stable until after application in writing to the board of control, signed by the owner or proprietor, with such information as may be required by said board.

SEC. 10. Every permit to use any building or any part of any building as a stable shall be subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in this ordinance.

SEC. 11. The ground floor and all stalls in every stable shall be thoroughly sprinkled with some efficient disinfectant daily between the 1st day of April and the last day of October in each year, and at least once each week between the 1st day of November and the last day of March in the next succeeding year.

SEC. 12. All manure shall be removed from all stables and premises or placed in a pit or bin of the kind prescribed in section 13 of this ordinance before 9 a. m. daily.

SEC. 13. There shall be maintained on every stable premises a sufficient number of water-tight manure pits or bins, with covers sufficiently tight to prevent flies from getting in or out of the same. When outside of the building, such pits or bins shall be as far as practicable from any street or other premises. Manure pits or bins shall be opened only when necessary.

SEC. 14. All stable premises shall be kept in such condition as not to become a nuisance or menace to public health, and the escape of any disagreeable odor therefrom shall be prevented as far as possible.

SEC. 15. Whenever any condition or restriction attached to any permit to erect, alter, or repair any stable shall have been violated, or whenever any stable is in a state of nuisance or a menace to the public health, or is being or has been constructed or maintained in violation of this ordinance, the permit to use the same shall be suspended by the board of control until such requirements shall have been complied with.

SEC. 16. Every person, firm, or corporation convicted of the violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding \$500, and each day that such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 17. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, including specifically section 138 of the Norfolk City Code of 1902, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 18. This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption and publication according to law.

#### **Foodstuffs—Protection of, in Markets. (Ord. Apr. 16, 1912.)**

SECTION 1. The health commissioner of the city of Norfolk shall make such inspections of the sanitary condition of the city markets and issue such rules and regulations in regard to the same as he may deem proper to protect all food supplies sold in said markets from contamination of any and every kind.

SEC. 2. He shall cause to be published from time to time such rules and regulations for the protection of food as he may deem proper, and cause the same to be printed and copies thereof posted and kept in every stall or stand in all market houses in the city, or such of them as he may designate.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any section of this ordinance or failing to comply with any of the rules, regulations, or instructions issued by the health commissioner, or who shall fail to comply with the orders of the health commissioner in regard to any matters affecting sanitary conditions in and about said markets, or either of them, shall pay a fine of not more than \$100, and each day of such default shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage and due publication according to law, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.